

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 16 has been revised to include a structural formula representing the inherent structure of 9-*cis*-retinal, which is retinal (retinaldehyde) with a *cis* bond at the ninth carbon in the polyene chain.

No change in claim scope is intended or believed to have occurred.

No new matter has been introduced, and entry of the revised claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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